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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] is an ex-CIA employee who left the Agency voluntarily after 14 years of service in the DDP. According to Security, there is nothing in his record to indicate any lack of trustworthiness. According to [REDACTED], he left (1) because he has always wanted to write and (2) he did not think he was going to get any further in the DDP. He is trying to break into the field of writing as a free lancer. He wants to become known through an important first article which would indicate that he is a former CIA employee. He submitted such an article which was turned down by both Security and this office.

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2. [REDACTED] of Security, who handled him, says he is not bitter and on the possibility that he might be of use to this office, suggested that I might want to talk to him. He felt that there was a possibility that he could become bitter if he felt that he was being completely frustrated breaking into a new field which he has set his heart on.

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3. [REDACTED] and me. I indicated that I understood his problem and was sympathetic. We then discussed the problem from the standpoint of the Agency, pointing out the peculiar problems surrounding the Agency and the need of a consistent policy.

4. He asked if he could have an interview with the Director, submitting some ten questions ahead of time. I told him that there was very little hope for this but it would be considered. I intend to call him some time next week to tell him that it is not possible to do this.

5. He then said that if that idea is turned down, he would like this office to suggest a story line which he would then submit after writing the story. I told him that this could not be done. He then said that if the Agency was ever interested in getting out a story (for example, an anti-Communist story) he would be glad to do it. I said that this was always possible and that I would keep it in mind.

6. The meeting was very cordial and I promised to call him (and will) in a week or ten days.

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